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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

On January 25, 2005, your Board granted approval for the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Department of Homeland Security Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

On January 30, 2006, designated custody assistants began interviewing foreign-born inmates, who have been convicted of a crime, to determine if they are eligible for deportation. As requested by your Board, statistical information has been compiled to document the number of interviews completed since the inception of the pilot program, along with the associated conviction charges.

The custody assistants assigned to the pilot program have interviewed 1,448 inmates to determine whether they are in the country legally or are eligible for deportation. The criminal convictions associated with the interviews included assaults (277), weapons (27), drugs (294), sex crimes (62), robbery and property theft (218), vehicle code charges (462), and other miscellaneous charges (108). These interviews resulted in 801 ICE holds being placed on inmates who are in the country illegally.

Pursuant to your Board's request, at the conclusion of the pilot program in June 2006, a comprehensive final evaluation will be submitted.

If you or your staff have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call me or Chief Marc Klugman, Correctional Services Division, at (213) 893-5017.

Sincerely,

LEROY D. BACA
SHERIFF

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